

Remarks

The one-month shortened statutory period for response to the Restriction Requirement expires on August 21, 2003. This Response to the Restriction Requirement and Amendment is believed to be timely filed within the shortened statutory period.

Claims 15, 17, and 22-51 have been amended.

In accordance with the Examiner's indication at the top of Page 2 of the Office action, claims 22-50 are renumbered to correct for duplicate numbering of claim 22. The dependencies of those claims have also been corrected by amendment.

It is believed that no fee is required in filing this Response to the Restriction Requirement and Amendment. However, if a fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, at the Examiner's convenience, should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication or the present patent application.

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